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**REQUEST  
FOR  
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)  
TRANSMITTAL**

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000,  
provides for continued examination of an utility or plant  
application filed on or after June 8, 1995.  
See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

Application Number	09/034,415
Filing Date	March 4, 1998
Examiner Name	LaToya I. CROSS
First Named Inventor	Pascal MICHAUD
Group Art Unit	1743
Attorney Docket Number	33808 F 009

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

**NOTE:** 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53 (d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

**1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**

- a. ☐ Previously submitted
- i. ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_  
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_
- iii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_
- b. ☒ Enclosed
- i. ☒ Amendment / Reply
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- iv. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

**2. Miscellaneous**

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)
- b. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

**3. Fees** The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

- a. ☐ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. \_\_\_\_\_
- i. ☐ RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)
- ii. ☐ Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17)
- iii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_
- b. ☒ Check in the amount of **\$1,190.00** is enclosed. (\$770 / RCE Filing Fee + \$420 / 2 mo. Extension Fee)
- c. ☐ Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

**SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED**

Name (Print /Type)	Frederick F. Chivoni	Registration No. (Attorney/Agent)	28,557
Signature		Date	August 23, 2004

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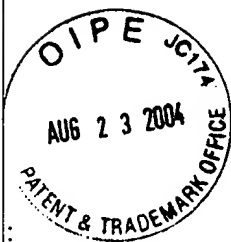
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**P A T E N T**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

**CONFIRMATION NO. 3308**

Applicant : Pascal MICHAUD  
Serial No. : 09/034,415  
Filed : March 4, 1998  
Examiner : Latoya I. Cross  
Art Unit : 1743  
For : COMPOSITIONS FOR DRYING SOLID SURFACES

**AMENDMENT ACCOMPANYING REQUEST  
FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated March 23, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as set forth below and consider the following remarks.

Included herewith are a Petition to extend the response period for two months, up to and including August 23, 2004. Attached hereto is a check for \$1,190 in payment of the requisite extension fee (\$420) and the RCE filing fee (\$770).

**In the Claims:**

Please amend claims 1, 8 and 16 as set forth in the attached "Listing of Claims".

Please cancel claims 6 and 7.